



County Seat: Chester

Liberty County Public Health

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Liberty					Montana				
Area	1,430 square miles					145,552 square miles				
Population Density and Status	1.5/ sq. mi. (frontier)					6.2/ sq. mi. (11 rural and 45 frontier counties)				
Urban Population	0 (0%)					487,878 (54%)				
Population ¹ :	Male	Female	White	Am Ind	Other	Male	Female	White	Am Ind	Other
Gender	1,063	1,095	2,141	2	15	449,480	452,715	817,229	56,068	28,898
Race	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	<18	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	<18
Age	109	123	181	144	557	54,869	61,963	69,298	43,932	230,062
	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	18+	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	18+
	125	532	519	425	1,601	85,757	245,220	220,207	120,949	672,133
	Total Population: 2,158					Total Population: 902,195				
Educational Attainment of Population 25 years or Older ¹	HS Graduate (or GED)		Bachelor Degree			HS Graduate (or GED)		Bachelor Degree		
	75%		18%			87%		24%		
Full- and Part-time Employment, by Industry (three largest)	Largest industries and percent of all jobs					Largest industries and percent of all jobs				
	Farm (29.6%) Services (20.1%) Retail trade (13.2%)					Services (30.6%) Retail trade (18.8%) State and local government (11.4%)				
	(Notable others ≥ 10% of all jobs)					State and local government None				
Unemployment Rate ²	2.9%					4.6%				
Median Household Income ¹	\$30,284					\$33,024				
Per Capita Income ¹	\$14,882					\$17,151				
Percent of Population Below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) ¹ : by Age by Income as a Percent of FPL	All ages		<18	18+	65+	All ages		<18	18+	65+
	20.3%		29%	17%	16%	14.6%		19%	13%	9%
	50%	100%		150%	200%	50%	100%		150%	200%
	9%	20.3%		29%	41%	6%	14.6%		26%	37%
Percent of Population with Health Care Costs covered by a Government Payor	Medicaid		Medicare			Medicaid		Medicare		
	4%		30%			11%		15%		
Persons 21 Years and Older with a Disability ¹ (percent)	21 - 64		65 and older			21 - 64		65 and older		
	172 (16%)		114 (32%)			85,337 (17%)		45,284 (40%)		
Live Births per 1,000 Population ³	9.6 (n = 108)					12.1 (n = 54,193)				
Deaths per 1,000 Population ³	10.5 (n = 118)					8.8 (n = 39,527)				
Median Age:	Male	Fem	White	Am Ind	All	Male	Fem	White	Am Ind	All
by Gender, Race ¹	40.6	42.4	41.5	81.0	41.5	36.6	38.5	38.8	24.4	37.5
at Death ³	79	82	81	n/a	81	75	81	78	62	78
(number of deaths)	(48)	(70)	(118)	(0)	(118)	(20,498)	(19,029)	(37,589)	(1,789)	(39,527)

¹ 2000 Census.

² MT Dept. Labor & Industry, 2001.

³ 1996-2000, Office of Vital Statistics.

COUNTY HEALTH PROFILE
September 2002

HEALTH STATUS INDICATORS	Liberty			Montana				
Fertility Rates ⁴ (teen births per 1,000 teen females; all births per 1,000 females of childbearing age)	Teen		All Women	Teen		All Women		
	19.2 (n=8)		55.8 (n=107)	36.9 (n=6,460)		58.8 (n=53,995)		
Prenatal Care (percent beginning care in the first trimester; percent receiving adequate, i.e., early and continuous prenatal care) ⁴	1 st Trimester		Adequacy	1 st Trimester		Adequacy		
	66.7%		63.0%	82.5%		72.6%		
Percent Low Birthweight ⁴ (below 5 lbs. 8 oz.)	13.9%			6.5%				
Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births) ⁴	9.3			6.7				
Cancer Incidence Rate (diagnoses per 100,000 population) ⁵	322.6 (95% C.I. ±88.7)			443.6 (95% C.I. ±6.1)				
Leading Causes of Death ⁴	1. HEART DISEASE 2. CANCER 3. CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE			1. HEART DISEASE 2. CANCER 3. CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE				
Heart Disease Death Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	285.1 (n=32)			229.4 (n=10,248)				
Motor Vehicle Accident Death Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	44.5 (n=5)			23.3 (n=1,043)				
Suicide Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	0 (n=0)			18.5 (n=827)				
Traumatic Injury Death Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	53.5 (n=6)			63.7 (n=2,847)				
Percent of Motor Vehicle Crashes Involving Alcohol	17.3% (n=17)			9.5% (n=10,688)				
Percent of the Medicaid Population Receiving Mental Health Services (FY2001)	11.3%			19.6%				
Percent of 2-yr. Olds Seen by a Health Care Provider that are Fully Immunized (2001)	100% (n=10)			92% (n=1,965)				
STD Incidence (reported cases per 100,000)	89.1 (n=10)			160.9 (n=7,191)				
HEALTH RESOURCE ASSESSMENT, 2002	Liberty			Montana				
Local Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals (CAH), and Total Number of Beds	Local Hospitals		CAH	# beds	Local Hospitals		CAH	# beds
	1 local		0	11	36 local; 2 child/adult psych; 1 VA		27	2,937
Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, IHS and Tribal Health Facilities (number)	RHCs	FQHCs	IHS & Tribal		RHCs	FQHCs	IHS & Tribal	
	1	0	0		36	14	17	
Availability of Basic and Enhanced 9-1-1 Services	Basic				Basic-all counties; Enhanced-16 counties			
Availability of Emergency Medical Services: Basic Life Support Services Advanced Life Support Services	#	Liberty County Locations						
	2	Chester						
	0	N/A						
Nursing Homes (number of facilities and beds)	1 (47 beds)				105 (7,733 beds)			
Aging Services: number of Personal Care Home [PC], Adult Foster Care [AFC], and Adult Day Care [ADC] Licenses	PC (# beds)		AFC	ADC	PC (# beds)		AFC	ADC
	1 (18)		0	1	147 (3,173)		106	64
Home Care Services: number of Home Health Agency [HHA] and Hospice Licenses	HHA		Hospice		HHA		Hospice	
	1		0		51		30	
Public Health Resources: number of full-time equivalent Public Health Nurses [PHN], Registered Sanitarians [RS], Registered Dietitians [RD], and Health Educators [HlthEd]	PHN	RS	RD	HlthEd	PHN	RS	RD	HlthEd
	0.75	< 0.1	0	0	116.1	81.5	14.4	26.9
Primary Care Provider Resources: number of doctors [MDs and DOs], Nurse Midwives [NMW], Nurse Practitioners [NP], and Physician's Assistants [PA-C]	MD/DO	NMW	NP	PA-C	MD/DO	NMW	NP	PA-C
	3	0	0	1	1,060	31	298	210
Dental Resources: Dentists and Dental Hygienists	1 dentists		0 hygienists		477 dentists		391 hygienists	
Health Care Provider Shortage Status:	Federal HPSA: None							
Health Professional Shortage Areas [HPSA]	Mental Health HPSA: Yes				Dental HPSA: None			
Medically Underserved Areas or Populations [MUA/MUP]	MUA/MUP: All							

⁴ 1996-2000, Office of Vital Statistics.

⁵ 1996-2000 average, age-adjusted to 2000 standard-million population, Montana Central Tumor Registry, DPHHS.

* Non-transporting